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GET IN THE SCRAP!

Those in charge of supplies for the armed forces tell us that despite efforts to date, we must provide vastly greater amounts of scrap metal, rubber, household fabrics, and materials made of hemp.

Surveys indicate that American farms to date have given less than half of their available scrap. Rural homes, barns and other buildings and farm yards and fields contain vitally needed scrap of high grade quality.

THROW YOUR "SCRAP" INTO THE FIGHT! Here is what is needed: Iron, Steel, Copper, Brass, Lead, Tin, Zinc, in fact any metal. Old rubber, Rags, manila rope, burlap bags, Tin cans, Waste kitchen fats, Women's discarded silk and hylon hosiery (washed)

You will find these articles, in basements, in attics, tool sheds, barns, garages, in yard, in fence corner, in wood lot and gulley, along hedge rows and in fact, in many places around home or farm.

Practically everything is needed, including waste paper. About the only materials not wanted at present are: old razor blades, glass, battery cases and other hard rubber or plastics. Insides of batteries, however are wanted, only the outside case is of no use.

So let's make this a victory Spring Cleaning campaign. Let's put the junk to work to win the war.

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A PLUG FOR PEGLER

We would like to second the motion of Westbrook Pegler for a new and real American National Anthem that we can sing without tearing our vocal chords out by the roots.

In a nation as advanced and trail blazing as the USA, it seems ironic that we should adopt a second-hand foreign theme to which has been added words that in very little express the real Americana.

We should have a national anthem composed especially as such and composed by Americans, with names like Brown, or White or Chief Sitting Bull (if you get what I mean)

This theme should express the spirit of the real earthy Yank. It may be musically low brow, but I get a bigger kick out of "St. Louis Blues" or "Twelfth Street Rag" than from the works of the masters. Frinstance, when it comes to such master stuff as "Orpheus in his Underwear" and the other ilk known as Chamber Music, its brutal.

The popular appeal of these modern works is well attested by the box office reports from the Movies, dance palaces and radio polls to assure me that I am not alone in this choice.

If the military portrayals of John Philip Sousa or the soft folk tunes of Stephen Foster are not worthy of consideration for a National Anthem then a national spot of honor should go to a contemporary writer.

A National Anthem specifically written as such, is worth a specially struck Congressional Medal and a substantial stipend, along the line of $100,000. The winning anthem should be selected by popular opinion, much as the winners in the "Hit Parade" are chosen.

In the meantime, I guess we will have to go along with the "Star Spangled Banner" but

you will have to take that high note.

If you agree, why don't you write to Westbrook and tell him. He has plenty of stuff on his pen and if he gets enough encouragement he might take a notion to run with the ball.

In the last analysis, it would be more fun to actually sing our national anthem than just go through the motions.

NOTICE--NOTICE--NOTICE

We regret to announce that, with this issue ELMA NEWS suspends publication until American Troops return VICTORIOUSLY home.

So many other suspending publications so ably covered the multiple reasons why publications are suspending these days, that we would merely burden you with a recounting of them here.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for your kind indulgence and encouragement and the loyal support of our advertisers.

We hope you will continue to trade with these staunch supporters of your paper. They have an interest in you and your community and are reputable and reliable. When you buy from them, you both gain.

As a last word from me to you, maybe you too will like that spark from the mid-western gasoline dealer, when he answered his questioner by saying "I'm not bothered by anything that one more election won't fix". So when you are trying to balance your budget of rationing coupons or trying to figure out the mental age of those trying to run the bread, butter, potatoes, meat and gasoline here at home, calm yourself. There is nothing that ONE MORE ELECTION won't fix!

So, for the time being, So Long!

DIDJA HEAR ABOUT THAT WAR WORKER who got a flat tire in Spring Brook the other day and asked Elmer from Elma how far it was to a repair station. Elmer replied about one mile as the bee flies. The w.w. fumed "Well, how far is it if the damned bee has to walk and roll a flat tire along?"

ELMA TOWNSHIP RED CROSS NEWS

$1,566.13 is the amount received to date in the Township of Elma Red Cross War Fund drive. This is more than ever before and the Elma Red Cross wishes to express its appreciation and thanks to everyone and especially the Red Cross workers who did a fine piece of work.

The school children gave $43.00 in addition to delivering the Red Cross pamphlets to all Elma homes.

The Elma portion of this War Fund will enable the local chapter to carry out its work for the coming year.

The next important job for the Red Cross is the next "Blood Donors Day". The Mobile Blood Unit will be at Elma Fire Hall, Wednesday April 7th from 1:40 to 7:40 p. m. We must have 175 Donors signed up. At present we have 168 and need Seven more for afternoon appointments. All evening time is filled. Call East Aurora 443-F-5 or Lancaster 129-M if you can donate in the afternoon. Transportation will be supplied if necessary.

JUNIOR RED CROSS ACTIVITIES

The Junior Red Cross has been very active for the past month. Before the War Fund Drive started, the Juniors distributed bulletins and leaflets telling about the drive, at each home in the town of Elma. Nearly 100% of the Junior Red Cross members contributed to the War Fund. They collected $44.57 which was nearly double what they collected in their own membership drive last fall.

They are also making toys, sewing and knitting. Four layette blankets, one slightly used sweater, six scrap books, one knitting bag, two pairs booties and several boxes of toys have been handed in this month.

They are now working on tray favors that are going to be used in the County Home at Wende on Easter. They are hoping to have enough made so that each person in the home will have one at his or her place on Easter.

ELMA'S FIRST WAAC JOINS THE COLORS

We always have been pretty proud of our own Helene Donohue, daughter of Mr and Mrs Spring Brook Postmaster Daniel Donohue, and now Helene has done it again. She is Elma's first WAAC.

She left Wednesday nite for Fort Oglethorpe, Peorgia and if we don't miss our guess she'll teach those Gerogia peaches a thing or two about glamour. Helene, is the first in her department at Buffalo Arms where she has been making tools of war, to enlist. Her fellow employees entertained at a dinner party in her honor in the Markeen Hotel. She was presented with a regulation WAAC bag and a gardenia corsage.

The Duke of Elma, Elmer from Elma and the rest of us extendsbest wishes and good luck to Helene and that means the end of Hitler and Hirohito.

DIDJA KNOW?

Didja know that statictics compiled by statistical experts show that--out of every one hundred men at the age of twenty-five, only one will be considered wealthy when he reaches 65 years of age and only FOUR will be "well fixed", that is sufficiently well provided with financial reserves or income to take care of the rest of his lifetime without active work for support. Five more of the sixty-fivers will be able to support themselves with their earning power at work for others or in business for themselves. AND FIFTY-FOUR will be dependent upon others or public support.

And, oh, yes, the balance of thirty-six will have died in the meantime.

That is something to think about, with a bunch of men with a mental age of less than kindergarten grade are blundering around with their screwy ideas to foist on us from our national headquarters. Time is a-wasting and if our Congressman don't get a wiggle on before long, they will put us all in the class with the 54 dependants on somebody else.

GET THE LICENSE NUMBER

That car from which a bundle of garbage and old cans came hurtling to spread along our roadside is as much a saboteur as the deliberate wrecker of war works. Get the license number of any cars whose passengers make use of our roadsides as public dumps. Call a member of our town board and give him that license number. We are having our own private little war on these roadside bums. And---upon investigation of some rubbish thrown out of a car, there were several envelopes with the names and addresses of some ELMA people on them. So---you know what!

Let's be careful of this business of refuse broadcasting. The town board has received numerous complaints about it and every effort is being made to apprehend the offenders. Your help in spotting the uncouth gentry will be appreciated. Remember we have a town dump and it is supported by town funds for the purpose of keeping our town clean and sanitary. Burn all burnable rubbish, spade the garbage into your victory garden, save tin cans for scrap collection and anything else that is littering up your home and cannot be disposed of in any of these ways, take it to the town dump (Creek Road, a short distance from Jamison Road.

Let's all help to keep our town neat and clean.

Rub out the rubbish rummies!

ELMA HOME BUREAU WILL HEAR ABOUT VICTORY GARDENS

At the next meeting of the Home Bureau to be held April 1st in the basement of School #6, Victory Gardens will be discussed by Mrs. Carrie Bray.

At the same meeting, Mrs. Edna White will present a dissertation on "Keeping Mentally Well".

KINDNESS OF NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS IS APPRECIATED.

Mr and Mrs Albert Bray and family wish to thank their friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses during their recent bereavement, at the death of Mrs. Bray's mother, Mrs. Anna Grothe.

SPADING THE GARDEN

Do you like to eat? Would you care to continue eating? Well, brother if you do, you'd better get yourself a spade and a couple of seeds. The Washington bright idea boys are not so dependable when it comes to keeping the home stomachs full, so you'd better not depend upon anybody than yourself. Here is some dope that has turned up on our desk, maybe you will be interested.

This spring farmers will be busier than ever planting their own crops. Many who in years past plowed the backyards of suburban gardeners will not be available. So if you have a garden plot, you will have to use the armstrong method or be without 'vittles'.

Spading a garden is not a difficult job (it sez here) You can take your choice between a blade spade and a spading fork. On heavy or stony coils the fork may be easier to handle; sod or sandy soil responds well to a spade. Every spadeful should be turned over completely so that weeds or grass are buried deep enough to kill them. Working backward, leave a furrow 6 or 8 inches wide in front of you. Doing that, one does not have to lift a second time the ground already spaded. Manure or compost to be spaded under is scraped into the furrow each time one row has been finished.

How long does it take to spade a garden? Well, that depends, of course, on the size of the plot, the type of soil and on your physical condition. Unless you are very soft, you should be able to spade about 200 square feet per hour. That means a medium-sized garden, 40 x 50 feet can be spaded in 10 hours. On heavy soils or sod it may take a bit longer. Do not try to spade the entire garden at one time. First spade that part where peas, lettuce or spinach are to be planted. Later turn over more ground as it is needed. Most soils can be spaded soon after they have thawed out and the surface has dried a bit. Sod should be turned as early as possible, before the grass starts to grow. And there you have a garden. Garnish with a liberal application of Sloan's or a good Horse liniment.

2nd WORLD WAR VERSION OF BEATING SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARE

We are all familiar with the tradition of our frugal and thrifty forebears who let little go to waste. In those days the making of iron was quite a proposition and as a result they were careful to salvage all of it that they could.

Consequently, when the early wars were finished, the scramble to gather up war iron and the conversion to peace time needs was on. Then as we became more "civilized" the improvements in domestic products following wars were even greater and of more consequence. This war will prove no exception. Here is a little "dope" that has drifted our way and we think you will be interested in it.

You no doubt have heard or read about the marvellous things the chemists and metallurgists are doing in the making of war time metals. Such a thing as making a tough, light metal, Magnesium from salt water sounds like a dream, but as Ripley puts it, A great number of airplane parts are made of salt water. Aside from the great advances made in this lightest of light metals, great improvements have been made in the making of steel.

Nowadays a piece of steel, alloyed with various other metals and properly heat treated is so tough and strong that a rod one-half inch in diameter can be used where formerly one that was four or five times larger was required. These improvements in metals result in such hard and tough metal that ten or twelve years ago the idea would be fantastic.

Giving credit where credit was due, these improvements came over a long period of time, but during a war these things are greatly accelerated, so that what would be accomplished over a period or a decade is now pressed into a period of months instead of years.

The most remarkable things relative to these new metals has come in the tools for machining these new metals.

With the improvement of steels, especially, came the

of fabrication, particularly machining operations. When a bar of these super-hard-tough steel was placed in a lathe the ordinary high-speed tool steel bits, turned cherry-red, smoked and the cutting edge wilted away to nothing, leaving nothing but a scratch on the bar being machined. Once more the metallurgists and chemists went to work and came up with the answer. More alloys, but this time, a material harder than anything ever produced in the laboratory or mill.

Tungsten, Cobalt, Chromium, Nickel, Boron, Manganese, and Silicon were formed to make a new Alloy, which is so hard that only a diamond wheel can grind it. With these tools, a piece of nickel steel of great hardness can be machined at speeds 25 or 30 times faster than the older, softer metals could be cut. And the life of the cutting edge increased 75 to 200 and often 300 per cent.

These metals, particularly Tungsten has such a high melting point that it is not practical to melt it down for use and thus was born a new method of metal fabrication, Powdered Metallurgy, in which all these metal elements in finely powdered form are thoroughly mixed and pressed into shape under terrific pressure. The finished shapes are then heat treated in electric furnaces.

These tool bits will retain their cutting edges and as a matter of fact cut better even tho they may be red hot.

Well, what does that mean to the farmer and to you and me? It means just this. The manufacturers of these new alloys are already preparing for peace time activities. They have been experimenting with tools used in peace time industry that require improvement in 'wearability' or cutting edge. And that's where these superhard alloys enter the picture. Tests already made prove that when tools are tipped with these alloys, their life has been extended to a natural life time. Shovels, hoes, rakes, lawn mowers, plow shares, cultivator points, binder and mower cutting blades, kitchen knives and many other

machine parts and accessories tipped with these alloys retain their cutting edges indefinitely and the wear is negligible. Imagine one shovel, hoe or set of mowing machine knives lasting a life-time. Imagine a kitchen knife that never needs re-sharpening, or the lawn mower whose blades never wear out and never need resharpening? All of those things will be yours when the war is over.

And that is just one of the things that we already know about. How many other revolutionary things are now cooking for after the war is anybody's guess. So, all we have to do is try to figure out a way to pay the taxes the boys are asking for and hope for one more election so that we can fix things the way they were when 'by the sweat of your brow you could buy what you wanted'.

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